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I. W. W. TRIES TO INFLUENCE NEGRO LABOR SPREADS LITERATURE AMONG NEGROES IN NORTH AND EAST

MISSISSIPPI COM- MISSION FAILURE

PRAISE OF SOUTH NOT HEED- ED BY RACE MEN

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 23.—The Farrel "commission" that recently went into Mississippi at the instance of the Chicago Association of Commerce and brought back such glowing reports from that wonderful country as being a land of promise, has fallen flat and those who have been watching the effect, claim that the propagandists of injustice will have to look elsewhere for schemes to get the Colored people to return South.

One of the most interesting comments comes from the history of the country, sent a committee of white and Colored men to Mississippi to study conditions in that state.

The committee was commissioned by the Chicago Association of Commerce, the federal bureau of labor and organized labor. It has just made its report, relating that it found "exceptional happiness, contentment and prosperity among the Negroes of Mississippi." The report says that "school facilities were found to be good, churches adequate, housing conditions being improved rapidly and race relations good." The industrious Negro "is afforded excellent opportunities to become a land owner. No police oppression, imposition or lawlessness was found." The committee related that its facts "were secured from the Negroes themselves, and we had the privilege of riding with them and surveying their farms in automobiles they own."

That is the surprising report brought back by northern investigators from a state commonly represented as hating and abusing Negroes. It is noteworthy that Mississippi business men recently issued an invitation to Negroes who had migrated to the North to return.

One suspicion, however, suggests itself. Did this Chicago committee make its report so entrancing to get rid of the Negroes who have moved to Chicago, where they seem to be unwelcome? Is it propaganda to induce them to leave the city and state?

NEGROES ARREST- ED IN ST. LOUIS I. W. W. RAID

Alleged Race Riot Plans Un- covered. Prominent White Anarchists In Alleged Plot

Race riots and general uprising among Negroes of St. Louis, similar to the disturbances recently instigated in Arkansas, are believed to have been nipped in their inception here by a series of raids and arrests made by city detectives under Chief Wynnegan and the federal authorities throughout the last twenty-four hours.

Not only did the raids indicate that white workers of the I. W. W. were planning to stir the Negroes to an uprising, but in a raid on Weintraub's Hall, 1414 North Grand avenue, late last night, the police found that a Negro prisoner, already in their hands, was booked to speak

NATIONAL RACE CONGRESS SPEAKS PLAINLY TO NATION

SAYS NEGRO KNOWS HIS ECO- NOMIC VALUE TO COUNTRY. SOUTH MUST TAKE NOTICE

Washington, D. C., Oct. 23.—The National Race Congress in its address to the country says in part:

"Patiently we have submitted to the many acts of injustice heaped upon us by an intolerant element of this country, and still counselling law and order and the observance of all forms of good government we say now without reservation and with firm conviction in the justice of our position, that when it becomes a matter of self-protection, a question of life and existence—the man who does not rise in his own defense is not worthy of citizenship in a Republic like these United States."

"If this nation desires to maintain its proud position among the nations of the world and prove that it is a democracy in deed as well as in word, it must carry out the letter and the spirit of its constitution. Any government which has the right to make its citizens bear arms in its defense must by the same token have the power to protect them. A nation which proposes a democratic progress for the protection of the weak and oppressed people of the world should inaugurate the same program at home. Moreover, we believe it to be in the interest of good government and in harmony with the spirit which gave birth to this Nation that every intelligent man and woman, North and South, should, should have the right of suffrage."

"Notwithstanding the fact that no race representative was invited to sit in its councils, we view with gratification the effect now being made in this city by the conference called by the President of the United States, to effect an adjustment of the labor troubles existing throughout the country, and respectfully recommend the adoption of similar action on all grievous public questions."

"The migration of the Colored people now going on from the several southern states is primarily due to the lack of safety of the home and is indicative to the fact that the Negro is sensible of the economic value of his labor. This movement clearly demonstrates to the South that all forms of proscription, Jim Crow cars, segregation, and lawlessness must cease; and better school facilities, better housing conditions, and better wages must be provided if the migration is to be checked. The influx of a large number of new groups to the congested cities of the North calls for the active co-operation of all concerned so that, as soon as possible, the new comers may be assimilated to their new environment."

"We advocate obedience to law; strict morality; temperate habits; the practice of thrift and economy; the acquisition of education and property and counsel our people everywhere to take advantage of all educational opportunities offered them. We call upon all state authorities to make equal and adequate appropriations for school buildings, salaries for teachers and provide for a minimum school term of six months."

PRINTERS' STRIKE BRINGS NEW PLANT.

Newark, N. J., Oct. 23.—On account of the pressmen and feeders strike in the East, the New Jersey Observer has purchased a printing plant with cylinder presses and will run as usual. The Observer is one of the most progressive newspapers in the county.

Claim Strike Only Weapon For Ne- gro In His Struggle For Justice

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 23.—With the steel strike apparently settling into a long drawn out struggle, local officials are not concerned so much over the prospects of disorder arising from this specific industrial situation as they are over an eruption of I. W. W.ism unconnected with the strike. Mayor Babcock received copies today of the I. W. W. literature that was distributed among the Negroes of Akron, Ohio. Pittsburg alone has a black population of 46,000, while the district here about has many Negroes, brought from the South in the stress of war work.

Agitation has been going on here among the Colored residents for months, according to reports to the police, and it is the municipal elections in the city. In the crowded Fifth ward there is a hot three concerned contest for Alderman among a Negro and two white men.

"Thru out this land of liberty, so-called," says the pamphlet, "the Negro worker is treated as an inferior; he is underpaid in his work and overcharged in his rent; he is poked about, cursed and spat upon; in short, he is treated, not as a human being, but as an animal as a best of burden for the ruling class. When he tries to improve this condition, he is shoved back into the mire of degradation and poverty and told to 'keep his place.'"

"He has, however, one weapon the master class fears—the power to fold his arms and refuse to work for the community until he is guaranteed fair treatment. Remember how alarmed the South became over the emigration of Colored workers two years ago and what desperate means were used to try to keep them from leaving the mills and cotton fields?"

"The only power of the Negro is his power as a worker; his one weapon is the strike. Only by organizing and refusing to work for those who abuse him can put an end to the injustice and oppression he now endures."

"Most labor organizations however, shut their doors to the Colored people. The American Federation of Labor excludes him from any of its unions as an inferior. In those to which he is admitted he is treated as an inferior. The Negro has no chance in the old line trade unions. They do not want them. They admit him only under compulsion and treat him with contempt. Their officials who discourage strikes for higher wages or shorter hours are always ready as in the case of the switchman's union to permit a strike to prevent the employment of Colored men."

"This narrow minded policy of excluding the Negro from the trade unions of the country forces him to become a strike breaker against his will by closing legitimate occupations to him. The consequence is racial conflicts such as the frightful tragedy in E. St. Louis, Ill., in 1917."

"There is one international labor organization in this country that admits the Colored worker on a footing of equality with the whites—the Industrial Workers of the World."

The pamphlet then offers the Negro absolute equality in the ranks of the I. W. W., and pleads that the organization aims for more than a mere "less work and more pay."

"But the I. W. W., does not limit its aims as do the trade unions," continues the pamphlet, "to less work

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NEGROES ARE PROSPERING

Associated Negro Press Says Cannot Keep Negroes From Gaining and Accumulating

Chicago, Oct. 23.—The Associated Negro Press survey for the week discloses unusual activity along realty lines in every section of the country. Never in the history of the Race has there been such large realty deals closed and contracts let, for construction of residences, business blocks, theatres, churches and schools.

Notwithstanding the high cost of living, Colored people are showing surprising financial resources. Everywhere there is a growing confidence in financial co-operative investments. In some instances, amounts arrange from \$500,000 to one Million Dollars. This is almost an amazing evidence of progress.

Attention has been very respectfully called to the Clearing House Association of Norfolk, Virginia, to the fact that in their monthly statement that three Colored banks with resources of more than a Million dollars, have not been included up-to-date in the general report, it is believed that the suggestions will have the desired effect upon the Association.

The Conference of the National League on Urban conditions held in Detroit, has been watched with much interest by people throughout the country because of the very constructive work carried on by this organization. Welfare workers of both races from every section of the country were in attendance and the

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PORO BUILDING DECORATED

"Mural Tripartite" Is Unveiled With Imposing Service and Ceremony

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 23.—The famous Poro building of which Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Malone are founders has been newly decorated inside by the firm of Marx & Jones. There are now three immense panels in the lobby, called the "Mural Tripartite," a tribute to our Race. They are the Genesis, Exodus and Apotheosis, and each panel has an interesting history. Three heroic figures of the beautiful womanhood of the Race personify Liberty and her hand maidens. One cannot but think as they look at this picture that it expresses fond hope. It really represents the woman whose genius made the Poro College possible, and on Sunday, the veil was lifted. It was a notable occasion in the Mound City. Bishop C. S. Smith, edTroit, Mich., Rev. Rev. Ransom, New York, Bishop B. F. Parks, Chicago; Dr. A. J. Carey, Chicago, were among the speakers present. An elaborate musical program was rendered. Rev. Dr. Peck pastor of the church with Mr. and Mrs. Malone attend, was master of ceremonies.

NEGRO'S SENTENCE SUSPENDED IN GEORGIA.

West Point, Ga., Oct. 23.—Lee Watts Colored, was found guilty of killing David Simpson, white, on the Hugley Farm, last March, and sentenced to be hanged. Sentence was suspended pending an appeal for a new trial.

WHITES ORGANIZE TO KEEP RACE PURE

WOULD STOP VIOLATION OF RACE LINES BY WHITES

SAYS MULATTO TOO NUMEROUS IN AMERICA

Birmingham, Ala., Oct. 23.—At last it is here! An organization has been formed in the South to preserve the "purity of the white race and to restrain white traitors." "Some Organization," Indeed. And not one who is acquainted with its purposes will question the effect that it has a job on its hand. One of the leading spirits in the organization is one Henry P. White of Marion, which would seem that he has a fitting name for the ultimate purposes.

The Birmingham News, (daily) quotes at length on the organization and says in part: "All of these race riots have been caused by the attempt of Negro men to override the race line and to make white women the victim of their lustful passions. Unquestionably, the notable outbreaks in all directions this year are due to the bad education of Negro soldiers in France and to the determination of some of them to persist in enjoying the privileges they were permitted by a low class of French women, who were more greedy of easy money than of regard for any high consideration of any sort."

"But now comes a white leader from the Black Belt, where the proportion of Negro population is so great, to protest against another feature of race relationship that has not originated in France, or with Negro soldiers. He takes up boldly, but politely the question of the violation of race lines by white men, a custom which all know has always been to general in the South. He speaks of this violation as familiar to every neighborhood."

"No matter what may be all the causes of this common evil, this great wrong, it is a matter of tremendous consequence to the white

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NEGRO MISSIONARIES SAIL FOR LIBERIA

SENT BY BAPTIST MISSIONARY BOARD.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 23.—A party of Colored missionaries from this city will sail from New York on Friday to take up their residence permanently in Liberia. They are Dr. R. M. Sisua who is accompanied by his wife and children: Miss Priscilla Bryan, Miss Della E. Harris, Rev. D. S. Nichols and Miss Ella Hooks. They are being sent to Africa by the Foreign Missionary Board of the Baptist church and are being accompanied by Rev. L. G. Jordan, secretary of the board, who will return to this country about January 1.

This missionaries will establish missions and social centres in different parts of Liberia and conduct an active educational campaign. Fr. Sisua came here a boy from Liberia, 14 years ago, and is a graduate in medicine. He is returning to his home country to practice medicine, where there is now only one physician among two and one-half millions of Negroes. Miss Priscilla Bryan is a graduate dentist and will be the first of her profession to practice in Liberia. Miss Harris is a graduate of a social service training school and will look after the social center work.